

Remarks

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-35.

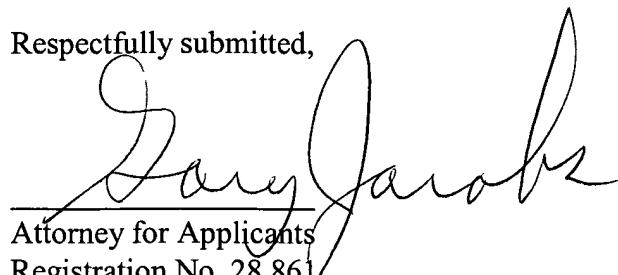
The Office Action does not enter the July 22, 2003 substitute specification because it allegedly contains claims to be amended. But the substitute specification filed July 22, 2003 is not understood to contain any claims. The portion of the substitute specification that is objected to in the Office Action appears to be pages 66-75 (in the clean copy of the substitute specification in Applicant's file). A careful reading of these pages reveals that these pages do not contain claims, but merely contain numbered paragraphs that summarize the present invention, as was done at pages 109-126 of the originally filed specification. Previous Office Actions did not object to the numbered paragraphs summarizing the features of the present invention at pages 109-126 of the originally filed specification. For this reason, Applicants did not expect the Office to object to these numbered paragraphs in the substitute specification and Applicants do not understand the substitute specification to contain claims in any other part thereof.

Moreover, the portion of the substitute specification Applicants understand to be objected to does not start on a new page and is not introduced by the phrase that traditionally sets off the claims: "What is claimed is". Rather, the portion of the substitute specification understood to be objected to (and the corresponding portion of the originally filed specification) is introduced by the statement "The embodiments of the present invention are summarized as follows".

For these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his objection to and enter the July 22, 2003 substitute specification and pass the application to issue.

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